

May 29th, 2022, Sermon Bible Study (Easter 7)

Sermon: John 17:20-26

²⁰ “I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. ²¹May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. ²²I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: ²³I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me, because you loved me before the world’s foundation. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them, and that I may be in them.”

Theme: Jesus Prays for His Own

Link to Audio Sermon:

<http://www.christlutheranwestsalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/5-29-2022.mp3>

Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

- 1. Jesus has been seeking God’s goodness for his disciples. Now, he widens his prayer to include those who would come later. Who is he praying for here? What does he ask God to do?**

- 2. Jesus prays that his disciples (of all generations) would be united. What does it mean to be united? Why is unity so important as we proclaim the gospel?**

- 3. Ultimately, what does Jesus want for his disciples? How can we see that desire reflected in what he does and says at other times in his life?**

- 4. What is the one thing that unifies all of us together? What, then, was God’s ultimate act of unification?**